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## Nazi-Soviet Pact Text Found

London, Oct. 14.  
The text of the agreement, supplementary to the German-Soviet non-aggression pact of Aug. 23, 1939, has been found in Germany.

Major Mayhew, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, disclosed this in the House of Commons today when answering a question by Mr. Thomas Reid (Labour), who asked if the Foreign Secretary had obtained from the archives of the German Foreign Office any evidence of a secret German-Soviet treaty in connection with this non-aggression pact.

Asked if he could say what the terms of the agreement were, Major Mayhew replied: "No, Sir, no. Not at this moment."

There were cheers when Mr. Ernest Thurtell (Labour) asked if it was intended to publish the agreement, but Major Mayhew said publication was rather a different matter.

Professor Savory (Conservative) said that the texts of both secret protocols had already been published in Britain, adding: "I have them in my hand now. The intention was to divide Poland along the lines of the Narew, Vistula and San—a fourth partition of Poland."

Mr. Richard Stokes (Labour) asked if in considering publication the Minister would incorporate the negotiations between Britain and Russia which preceded the German-Soviet treaty.

Major Mayhew replied that this point would be borne in mind—Reuter.

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### Britain Praised

Saying that the Arabs have frequently exhibited a "traditional sympathy" for the Jews, he as-

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## REPATRIATES TOLD TO "GO" S.C.A. Sends "Ultimatum" To To-Yuen Hostel Inmates Influenced By A Minority

Br-h-h-h!

London, Oct. 15.  
In order to save coal, London's council schools have been ordered not to light fires unless the temperature falls to 50 degrees or less. An L.C.C. directive says that the children should be encouraged to wear their heaviest clothes in class and that they should be given some form of P.T. every hour.—Associated Press.

## We Will Not Give Up The Sudan

London, Oct. 15.  
A Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday that Sidiq Pasha, the Egyptian Premier, would arrive in London on Thursday for direct talks with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, on revision of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian treaty.

One informant declared today "there may be certain minor modifications in our views but it is certain that Mr. Bevin will neither give up this country's rights to remain in the Sudan on the present basis nor evacuate Egypt as early as the Egyptians are demanding."

He also expressed the view that it was "more important for the Egyptians to agree among themselves on what they want than it is to persuade the British Government to see things the extremist Egyptian way."—Associated Press.

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## Britain's Shift Of Med. Bases

London, Oct. 15.

A Jewish Agency spokesman said yesterday that reports that Britain planned to shift her major military, naval and air bases from the Mediterranean to East Africa were "designed to get America to accept her policy in Palestine."

Authoritative Whitehall sources disclosed last week that the transfer of Britain's main supply and administrative bases to Kenya and Tanganyika was being considered because her future in the Middle East was so unsettled.

The Agency spokesman said the reports "came at a time when the United States has committed itself to defense of the present status of Turkey and the Dardanelles Straits."

In addition, he said, "it is worth nothing that the United States interests have concluded a series of agreements establishing American aviation, oil and other interests more firmly than ever in Palestine, Saudi Arabia, the Lebanon and other parts of the Middle East."

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### BIG RUSSIAN CROP

Moscow, Oct. 15.

Russia's first full peacetime raw cotton crop will be 40 percent greater than last year declared "Pravda" yesterday in an editorial.

In 1938, the Soviet Union stood third only to the United States and India as a cotton producing nation.—Associated Press.

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## INVASION OF ENGLAND

London, Oct. 14.  
The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, today announced in the House of Commons that he hoped to make a parliamentary statement on German plans to invade Britain in 1940 early in the next session, which begins in November.

He told a questioner that his statement would also deal with the circumstances in which all military units in the United Kingdom were alerted against invasion on a September evening in 1940.—Reuter.

## Britain's Lend-Lease Role

(By David Condon)

London, Oct. 14.  
At the height of the war the United Nations were aiding each other to the scale of about £4,500,000,000 yearly, approximating to the total value of world exports in a good pre-war year.

This is revealed in the third report on mutual aid, better known as Lend-Lease, issued today by the British Government. Mutual aid by Britain began in the summer of 1941, the report states, and consisted at first only of aid to the United States and Russia. Later it included all the European allies and China.

The report shows that during the three years up to the end of the war the value of supplies, services and capital received by the allies from Britain after excluding oil obtained under Lend-Lease amounted to over eight per cent of the national income and 10 per cent of Britain's total war expenditure.

Details of mutual aid to other countries show that France received £160,000,000, Poland £225,000,000, Greece £34,000,000, Czechoslovakia £30,000, Norway £7,000,000, Belgium £24,000,000, the Netherlands £14,000,000, Yugoslavia £14,000,000, Denmark £1,000,000, Turkey £32,000,000 and Portugal £13,000,000.

Commenting on the relatively high aid to Turkey, the report states that this aid was given to meet Turkey's vulnerability to a full scale German attack and the need of modern weapons to enable her to meet such an attack.

The report concludes by stating that in accordance with the spirit in which they were begun, the vast flow of commodities and services exchanged are not to be left standing as monetary liabilities but cancelled by common consent.—Reuter.

### Failure

President Truman's leading Republican opponents today were big grins over what they termed a "confession of failure" involved in the dramatic reversal of policy by which he lifted price controls on meat, writes Reuter's William Hardcastle. They believe that the speech was a virtual confession of defeat in the coming Congressional elections three weeks hence.

President Truman, his opponents declared today, has been compelled to bow before the Republican storm and publicly concede that he is at present incapable of getting his own way, either with Congress or public.

Only Democratic Senators and Congressmen dissented today from the general chorus of approval of the President's speech.

Many housewives, questioned by reporters, said that they preferred to pay a little more for their meat if they could walk into a shop and get it than to have to wait in long queues and then get none.

### Higher Prices

An American Meat Institute official speaking for large packers today, estimated that it would be at least ten days before meat began to appear in shops and 90 days before the trade was normal. The public could not get meat immediately because "stocks are at a record low level and pipelines are empty." Prices, he added, would of course be higher than those laid down by the Office of Price Administration during the Middle East.

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## Last Hours Of The Condemned Nazis

Nuernberg, Oct. 14.  
It was officially announced at Nuernberg this evening that the 11 condemned Nazi leaders will be hanged on Wednesday. The Prison Commandant's office, however, declined to disclose if the condemned men have been informed of "the day." Russian sources report that the executions will start at one minute past midnight.

The nervousness of the doomed men is increasing, but a prison official said tonight that "there have been no hysterical breakdowns. Today, most of the condemned men are trying to compose their nerves by smoking and reading."

The condemned men have not yet been notified that they will hang on Wednesday.

Today, all the occupants of the death cells were asked if they believed that Hitler was dead. All said "Yes."

Streicher declared: "I think Hitler had gone so far that suicide was preferable to life."

The concentration camp leader, Ernest Kaltenbrunner, became a bit irritable over his cigarettes. He complained that he was having to roll his own cigarettes yesterday. Tonight, he was still grumbling, but still rolling his own cigarettes.

Reading Bible

All the men to hang on Wednesday were visited by prison chaplains today. Some of them found consolation in reading the bible.

Meanwhile, Dr. Schact, Nazi financial expert acquitted by the War Crimes Tribunal, has written to General Lucius Clay, Deputy Military Governor for the United States Zone, asking for his release from Stuttgart prison, as his arrest is "illegal."

Schact was arrested near Stuttgart on Oct. 7.

Dr. Friedrich Bergold, legal defender of the missing Martin Bormann, Hitler's deputy, at Nuernberg, was said by the American News Service to have asked for Schact to be moved, under guard, to Nuernberg, where he would defend him before the de-Nazification court.

**Press Secrecy**  
Prison officials steadfastly refused to confirm or deny that the executions will be carried out in Nuernberg.

Eight correspondents chosen by poll to tell the story to the world were directed to be ready to go into seclusion on Tuesday, and were told they would not be allowed to contact the outside world until after the executions.

None was told where he would be taken, but they will see the gallows shortly before the executions.

Captain Samuel Binder, spokesman for the American Security Guard, said the condemned men were still in their assigned cells here.

The only photographer permitted at the hangings will be from the United States Army Signal Corps. The prints will be delivered to the Allied Control Council in Berlin, and it is up to the Council whether any will be made public.—Reuter and Associated Press.

Gen. Carton de Wiart will be staying with Gen. Festing during his visit before proceeding to England.

### Decorated

Nanking, Oct. 15.  
The Foreign Ministry announced today that Lieutenant-General Carton de Wiart has been decorated by the Chinese Government with the Order of the Cloud and Banner (Grand Cordon).

It is added that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has asked Lieutenant-General de Wiart to convey to the British Premier his appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the General during his term of appointment.—Reuter.

## THE WEATHER

A moderate anticyclone is stationary over North China, and a depression is moving E across the Sea of Japan. Pressure is low to the S of the Carolines, and a shallow trough of low pressure lies along the S coast of China. Forecast—Moderate NE winds, cloudy, improving slowly. Maximum: 76.4 deg. Fah. Minimum: 68.2 deg. Fah. Max. Rel. Humidity: 95%. Sunshine: 12 hours. Rainfall: 0.18 inches.—Associated Press.

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## DEFENCE UNITY

The White Paper on "Central Organisation for Defence" indicates how far-reaching has been the development by the present Cabinet of the war-time machinery evolved by Mr. Churchill. While the Prime Minister and the Cabinet as a whole will lose none of their responsibility for the broader aspects of organisation for national defence, the review of current strategy, of planning and of preparation for an emergency will be the task of a flexible Defence Committee, whose normal chairman (in the absence of the Prime Minister) will be the Defence Minister. Other Ministers, including the three Service Ministers (now no longer in the Cabinet) will be regular members of this Committee, and the three Chiefs of Staff will regularly be in attendance. This is in accordance with current practice; what is new is that the Minister of Defence, in his full-time office, will have the opportunity for constant interchanges of views with the Chiefs of Staff Committee and with their joint staff, which forms part of his own Ministry. Neither in the Cabinet nor in the Defence Committee will the presence of the Defence Minister imply that the three Chiefs of Staff will lack the occasion to put forward their views on technical questions of strategy and plans directly and in person. But it will be the Minister's business to apportion in broad outline the resources upon which the three Services must call, to settle a common policy upon questions of general administration between the three Services, and to administer such inter-Service organisations—operational, intelligence, planning and administrative—as already exist and may be created. On all these matters, he (and not the Service Ministers) will be answerable both to the Cabinet and to the House of Commons, while the three Service Ministers will be responsible only for the administration of their own Departments within the resources allotted them—a subordinate, but still a considerable field. Though the White Paper discusses the possibility of amalgamating the three Services at some future time, the Cabinet have decided that this is out of the question at the present moment; indeed, it is unlikely ever to be practicable. But what is already practicable and essential is a common policy and a common central organisation with an executive authority such as the pre-war Committee of Imperial Defence could not provide. Such a central organisation is now provided, with the authority and driving force not merely of a full-time Cabinet Minister, but of the three professional officers responsible individually for the execution of those plans upon which collectively they are the Government's joint advisers. The scheme is admirable, and its detailed elaboration clear and soundly based. During the transitional period when it is being established, in practice a particularly heavy strain will fall upon the first whole-time Minister of Defence.

## WANCHAI

The plea for removing the decree which puts Wanchai out of bounds to Servicemen is one which will command itself to many if only to put an end to the rather degrading nightly spectacle round the H.K.C.C. ground and Arsenal Street. The cholera outbreak which was the occasion for putting the area out of bounds has ceased to cause anxiety to the medical authorities, and there remains but one thing strongly in favour of retention of the order. The incidence of venereal disease among the Services has shown a remarkable decrease since Wanchai was placed out of bounds. Exact figures are not available, but it is known that the reduction has been rather more than fifty per cent, a most encouraging improvement. Obviously, it is in the general interest that this should be maintained, but whether that

## A DISH OF BOMBS

(By Nathaniel Gubbins, London "Sunday Express" humorist).

My dear Boy—Such a long time since I wrote I thought you would like to know how we are since peace was declared.

As you might expect, Emily has nothing but atomic bombs on her mind, and your Uncle Fred is ready to join the Home Guard again at any moment—this time he says he will get a commission before the ironmonger, and give him hell throughout the next war.

Although we used to laugh at Emily and her fear of Russia, we don't laugh so much now, though I expect things are not so bad as they seem. Emily thinks the only safe place, if anything should happen, will be the South Pole where she could live on seals, though I don't suppose sleeping on an iceberg would do her much good—poor darling. Porgy has had doggy flu again, and, like the talking dog in the news, barks "No, no, no" whenever Molotov is mentioned on the radio.

Florrie came round to tea (last of the BU cake) and told us that in the next war the enemy will not only make atomic bombs as big as the Queen Elizabeth, which will blow whole cities to pieces, but also microscope bombs which they will mix with our food and blow our insides out—as she was the first to predict the flying bomb (apart from H. G. Wells), and told us all about amphibious tanks and giant sky mirrors to burn us up with the sun's rays long before they turned out to be true, we think she may be right again—anyway, Emily is frightened to eat almost anything now, and went into a dead faint when she misook a bit of grit in her bread for a little bomb.

At a local dinner and discussion to decide Britain's political future, the chairman of the Whist Club was nearly lynched by excited members of the Impoverished Gentlewomen's True Blue Conservative Association when he said that the Conservative Party should unite with the Socialist Party to fight Communism at the next General Election, as that was our only hope for avoiding a slave State—the True Blues said that rather than have anything to do with Socialists they would all commit harakiri—as two of them were caught at the door with the club's knives and forks sticking out of their handbags it looks as if they meant what they said.

The gardener, who is reading Karl Marx for the third time, says he has orders from the Kremlin to shoot us the moment any trouble starts.

Your loving

AUNT MAUD.

"Provincial  
Delirium"

Moscow, Oct. 14. "Izvestia" denounces as a "provincial paper's delirium" the story by David Snell in the "Atlanta Georgian Constitution" that Japanese scientists, who had invented an atomic bomb, were now in Moscow.

"This delirium of a provincial paper" came according to market demand. Other provocateurs, not on a provincial scale, picked it up and started to spread it over the world.

"Military and political agents and those who derive profit by doing their business in an atmosphere of fear launched this new flow of frightening brimstone. Earlier, they were frightening the world with the atomic bomb monopoly and a stick of atomic diplomacy," Associated Press.

furnishes justification for permanently placing Wanchai beyond the pale is another matter. There can be no question that many shopkeepers in Wanchai who catered principally to servicemen have been severely hit, and with cholera at an end, are entitled to compensation. It is possible that some compensation arrangement may be worked out whereby the main thoroughfares might be thrown open, the side streets continuing to be out of bounds, and this would seem to be a satisfactory solution.

## CARNIVAL



By Dick Turner

## BY THE WAY

By BEACHCOMBER

A Portsmouth postman opened his bag the other day, and a cat jumped out.

A very neat and practical demonstration of the metaphor, and very useful for education purposes. Children would pay more attention to proverbs if they could see them illustrated in this fashion. It should be easy to hire a man to roll a stone round and round the playground, in order to show that it gathers no moss; to get 70 cooks to crowd round the kitchen range to prepare a boath; to let a tiger bite a pup, and then to observe the pup's shy demeanor when the tiger attempts a second bite; to badger a worm into a turn; to dip a laurel bush into a bottle of good wine thus showing how unnecessary the bush is to the enjoyment of the wine.

Soft Words Butter  
No Parsnips

Dr. Strabismus (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht, once proved that soft words like "evening," uttered repeatedly in clear tones, failed to produce the faintest trace of butter on a heap of parsnips.

"See 'The Parsnip Through History,' by Mrs. Telford."

Practical Socialism  
In Action

Tomorrow will see the start of the Ministry of Bubbleblowing's temporary semi-rationing scheme for string. Local string-controllers will issue books of H-coupons, each coupon being divided into SL and VK units, interchangeable with the BRF units in the supplementary book issued to holders of NR units cancelled against points value.

This method, it is hoped, will save 17,018 miles of string per day. Sellers of string will have to cut the TUF coupons (coloured red for men and blue for women) and paste them into the ante-dated books of non-interchangeable units, so that they can be sent back to the consumers for return to the collecting stations. One hundred and sixty-three thousand extra officials have been drafted to the local string-officers. The scheme is being started at once, in order to get it going before it has to be stopped.

"He detached one of the two motorised corps from the centre army group to reinforce the attackers in the north.

"On October, 1942, Brauchitsch was dismissed by Hitler, who took command himself. But it was too late.

"Stalin had had time to organise the defence of Moscow, and the Allies were able to send him tanks and planes.

"Thus, 111 days after Germany attacked, we had lost the war in Russia.

"However, in the atomic bomb we had another opportunity to turn the tide.

"But the Allies had beaten us. Our scientists were unable to find the right material for the container, in which the atomic bomb could be transported.

"Myself: You filthy materialist. Must everything 'work'?

"Prodnoe: Surely a contraption like this loses all its point if it doesn't work.

"Myself: And who cares? I ask you, who cares a curse? Aren't there other things to think of?"

## Problem

A question frequently asked is: If nobody really exists, how is anybody to know that nobody really exists, since there is nobody to know it? Hallucination replies: The fact of non-existence, implying at first sight the non-existence of everybody, does not preclude the possibility of an impersonal State of Existence or Idea of Existence. Though there can be no idea without somebody to have that idea: the essential ideality of being may exist as a potential entity in the imaginary collective mind of that which produces non-existence.

If that is not clear, write to Dame Marigold Tuffy for her pamphlet, 'Whither, Nothing?'

**Mrs. Wretch, M.P.**

Mrs. Wretch, M.P., said yesterday: "The best way to prevent homeless people getting roofs over their heads is to pull down all the vacant huts and buildings which seem to have such an unhygienic attraction for them. It is time for the Ministries to do this in the interests of the public, and to protect us all from spontaneous, undemocratic actions."

**In Passing**

A distinguished sailor wrote the other day that boys destined to grow above six feet in height seldom learn anything willingly until they are 19 years old. If that is correct, I must have been destined to grow to a height of at least four thousand feet. I never learned anything willingly until I was about 35.

# MORE FIREWORKS BY MOLOTOV

## Certain Powers Imposing Their Will On Others

### Siam To Give Back Territory

Bangkok, Oct. 14. The Siamese Government yesterday decided to return four disputed provinces to France. The momentous decision followed discussions based on the report of the United Nations delegate, who returned to Bangkok on Saturday.

It was disclosed that the French proposals are (1) Siam will declare null and void the Tokyo Treaty of 1941, which gave the provinces to Siam; (2) friendly relations to be established and France agrees not to use the veto against Siam's request for membership of the United Nations; and, to the contrary, will support it; (3) A conciliation committee to be set up, consisting of two members of each party and three neutral members, which will consider the border question in geographical, historical, ethnological and economic perspectives.

The Siamese United Nations delegate reported first to the Foreign Minister, who later reported to the full Cabinet at yesterday's closed session, during which the decision was taken. Parliament was summoned to an extraordinary session for ratification of the Government decision this afternoon. Ratification is certain as the Government Coalition holds a vast majority.—Reuter.

### Medico Sees Disaster

Boston, Oct. 15. A surgical professor forecasts an atomic third war with "an instantaneous flood of casualties" greater than any in "world history and called for a new concept of medical practice and hospitalization.

In an address today, Michael de Bakker, former Army Medical Corps travelling medical consultant, said: "Atomic warfare will require the mobilization of the nation on a disaster basis. The problem indeed may be to keep medical personnel of the country protected and alive and sufficiently uninjured to carry out its functions".—Associated Press.

### Allied Agents In U.S.

Washington, Oct. 15. The Department of Justice said yesterday that 262 agents of Allied Governments will be required to file new public registration statements of their activities in this country.

During the war, they were exempt from public disclosure of their work. On Oct. 8, the Government cancelled this wartime procedure.

Britain tops the list of Allied Governments with 22 agents

### India Following In British Wake

Paris, Oct. 14. An allegation that India would have been more impartial at the Paris Conference if she had been independent was made at the plenary session of the conference today by M. Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister. M. Molotov attacked the conference as far as the "unagreed clauses" left open by the Big Four were concerned. Asserting that results would have been different if some delegates "had been able to vote as they liked without being subjected to external pressure" M. Molotov specifically cited the case of India.

"Why should India have striven so hard to obtain independence if she is not to use it? Why should she have fought so strongly for settlement of the Danube question at this conference? For the sake of adding her voice to the voice of the other delegations and following in the wake of Britain, the Indian delegate took an active part in the settlement of this question in no way as an impartial country and in no way as a delegation animated by the desire to seek a correct solution of this question."

M. Molotov spoke soon after Mr. Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, had declared that the conference had "accomplished its task and accomplished it well."

#### Soviet Charges

The Soviet Foreign Minister made the following charges:

1. From the beginning to the end of the conference "a certain group of powers" had tried to impose and dictate its wishes on the other states.

2. The system of voting had enabled powers which had no real interest in certain questions to overrule states vitally concerned.

3. Britain, the United States and France had not been consistent in their support of the earlier Big Four decisions.

M. Molotov—who later met his other three colleagues of the Big Four at the French Foreign Office—said the conference had "violated" the Foreign Ministers' agreed decisions on Trieste by adopting "a number of anti-democratic clauses."

#### Political Error

The responsibility for these clauses rested on Britain, the United States and France, "who violated the obligations they had undertaken," M. Molotov said.

His speech was made exactly 11 weeks after the peace conference had started and at a

time when the same sort of game was played with Finland by reactionary circles.

Before the war—the same sort of game was played with Finland by reactionary circles.

Such circles pursued an anti-democratic policy and entered into an alliance with Hitler," M. Molotov continued.

Answering criticisms of the right of veto on the Security Council of the United Nations, M. Molotov said M. Paul Henri Spaak, the Belgian delegate, made a statement yesterday against the "so-called" right of veto.

"It is not the right of veto which is involved," he said.

"The question is whether we desire unanimity and co-operation

plenary session to complete the work of the five draft peace treaties with the European satellites.

M. Molotov also made a charge that the conference had left open the question of the Greco-Bulgarian frontier by rejecting the Big Four clause approving the existing border.

"Every objective observer will understand that voting on the subject of the Greco-Bulgarian frontier is a great political error which is not likely to serve the interests of peace and which is likely to create trouble."

He then bluntly declared that in this case the voting of the conference was "incorrect" and would not be adopted by the Big Four. One criterion of the conference was the fact that even the most convincing arguments failed to achieve any effect, M. Molotov continued.

#### Follow-My-Leader

"The delegate of the United States voted first on all questions here. It was only for him to set the vote and voting of the 12 or 13 other delegates was assured. This group tried to secure the adoption of a definite decision no matter whether this decision was correct or not.

The same thing happened in the matter of procedure."

In his 45-minute speech which, by the chairman's consent gave him the last word in the general debate on the Finnish treaty, M. Molotov declared that Russia had treated Finland "generously."

He said the American delegation was following a strange policy with regard to Finland.

#### A Game

"It is a policy of playing a game with Finland. It is a policy which professes to be one of concern for a small nation.

Before the war—the same sort of game was played with Finland by reactionary circles.

Such circles pursued an anti-democratic policy and entered into an alliance with Hitler," M. Molotov continued.

Answering criticisms of the right of veto on the Security Council of the United Nations, M. Molotov said M. Paul Henri Spaak, the Belgian delegate, made a statement yesterday against the "so-called" right of veto.

"It is not the right of veto which is involved," he said.

"The question is whether we desire unanimity and co-operation

### NO ATOM BOMBS IN BRITAIN

Washington, Oct. 14. A White House spokesman, acting with President Truman's direct authority to-night denied reports that atomic bombs had been sent to Britain.

"The reports are untrue," the spokesman said. "There are no bombs outside this country—no bombs in England—with or without detonators. The only atomic bombs ever sent out of the United States were those used in the Bikini tests and those dropped on Japan. That is on the President's authorisation." Reuter.

London, Oct. 14. The decision on the Greek Government's request for additional supplies of arms, to which Major Mayhew, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, referred in answer to a parliamentary question today, is now expected in well-informed quarters to be deferred until Mr. Ernest Bevin returns to London next Wednesday.

The Foreign Office, it is learned from an authoritative source, is now studying a report from Sir Clifford Norton, British Ambassador in Athens, but, contrary to rumour it is understood, this report does not contain any specific recommendations.

#### Policy Of Blackmail

London, Oct. 14. Moscow radio commentator Fco Melnikov today accused Britain and the United States of "a policy of blackmail and pressure" at the Paris conference.

"The Anglo-Saxon bloc's dollar and pound policy has never been more clearly displayed than in the question of the peace treaty with Bulgaria," he declared.

"It was expressed in the support given to the aggressive plans of the Greek Monarchs. Fascists in attempts to put forward the utmost fantastic economic demands on Bulgaria, to impose unjust military limitations upon her and so on," he added.

Referring to what he termed "international reaction," Melnikov said: "There can be no doubt that it is these backstairs forces, which are at the same time the ruling forces in a number of countries, that are speaking through the mouths of those delegates at the Paris peace conference who have been attacking Bulgaria."—Reuter.

Moscow, Oct. 15. The Supreme Soviet Council decreed yesterday that former Russian Empire persons living in Czechoslovakia and persons who lost their Soviet citizenship by living in Czechoslovakia, may regain their Russian citizenship by applying to the Soviet Embassy in Prague by Jan. 1, 1947.

—Associated Press.

### Cowardly Result Of Court Martial

London, Oct. 14. The solution of the recent court martial case in Malaya, whereby convictions against British paratroopers on a charge of mutiny were quashed, was described in the House of Lords today as a "little cowardly" by Lord Mancroft (Conservative).

He said that very convenient legal defects at the last minute had enabled the Secretary for War to form a decision which evaded the correct issue.

Lord Mancroft, who was speaking during the debate on the progress made in recruiting for the regular forces, said that in the minds of the potential recruit the impression had been created that when he got into the army he would not receive the high standard of legal protection which he had in civilian life. Lord Mancroft declared that his experience of military law led him to think

that there was no fairer system. That, he said, was not the impression of those who studied the Malaya case.

In another reference to the Malaya court martial, Viscount Bridgeman (Conservative) said that one paragraph in the War Secretary's reply about the Malayan mutiny puzzled him.

It was that conditions at the Muar Camp were partly due to transition from war to peace.

"I could not make out what that meant," he said. "It seemed like charity covering a multitude of sins."

Viscount Bridgeman added: "The question of provisioning camps in India was worked out in detail by Lord Munster, and if the provisioning of camps for troops in peacetime is on a lower scale of priority and money than that agreed in his report for wartime, it is a most serious state of affairs."—Reuter.

### Stalin Meant U.S.

London, Oct. 15. Moscow radio says that Generalissimo Stalin was referring to the United States when he made his recent declaration that talk of a new war was prompted by some military men to prevent a reduction of military budgets their countries.

A commentator at Moscow, whose name was not heard because of poor reception, here, said that "Stalin's words refer, of course, to such a country as the United States, whose military appropriations today hold first in the world."

The commentator pegged a lengthy comparison of the present United States military budget with those of the past 150 years on the statement made by Stalin on September 24 in reply to a question by the London "Sunday Times" correspondent Alexander Werth. Associated Press.

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### ROOTS AND THEIR BUDDIES



### Back to Nature



## C-In-C BPFC Back In Hong Kong

The C-in-C British Pacific Fleet—Vice-Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, KCB, CBE, DSC—returned to the Colony on Monday evening on board HMS "Belfast" after visiting Japan and paying his respects to the Government at Nanjing and to local officials at other Chinese ports.

Referring to his visit to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Vice-Admiral Boyd said yesterday: "The welcome and courtesy with which I was greeted impressed me deeply and I had the pleasure of conversing for some 25 minutes with the Generalissimo."

Shanghai, Chianwangtiao, and Tsingtao were other Chinese ports included in the tour and the C-in-C said yesterday: "I much appreciated the compliment of being invited to visit the various Chinese Naval establishments. It was a particular pleasure to renew former friendships, with a number of Chinese Naval officers who had trained with the British Navy in their youth. It is clear that there is no lack of enthusiasm for, and understanding of, Naval matters."

During the ship's stay in Chianwangtiao, Admiral Boyd flew to Peiping—his first visit—where he was entertained by Marshal Li Tsun Jen, head of the Generalissimo's Field Headquarters.

### Visited Sapporo

Following a visit to General MacArthur at Tokyo, where he also met Mr. Gascoigne (Head of the British Mission), Lt-General Gardner (the Prime Minister's personal representative in Japan) and Lt-General Eichelberger (Commanding the U.S. Eighth Army in Japan), the C-in-C visited Sapporo, headquarters of the 11th Alpine Division, where he presented the Legion of Merit to Colonel Eggers, Commanding Officer of the 187 Glider Infantry Regiment.

Vice-Admiral Boyd met Lt-General Robertson, CB, DSO, C-in-C British Commonwealth Occupation Force, at Kure, main port in the British Occupied Zone of Japan, where he saw the work of the resident Naval Port Party and Australian units of the occupation force.

## Unanimous Eulogy Of Dr. T.W. Ware

"That this Council records its appreciation of the valuable services rendered for many years, both as a Health Officer and as the technical adviser on health matters by the retiring Vice-Chairman, Dr. Thomas Walter Ware, and whilst expressing its regret at the severance of Dr. Ware's association with the Council, tenders him its sincerest wishes for a long and happy period of retirement," was the motion proposed by Dr. J. P. Fehily, O.B.E., the Chairman, at the fortnightly meeting of the Urban Council yesterday.

After the ordinary business of the meeting had been completed Dr. Fehily said:—"I wish to crave your indulgence and request permission to suspend standing orders, in view of the retirement from Government service of our Vice-Chairman."

"Dr. Ware has been in Government service for almost twenty years and, during that time, has filled a number of important posts. He has been associated with the Urban Council, both as a Health Officer and as ex-officio Vice-Chairman, almost since its inception and I should like to move a motion in appreciation of my colleague's service to the Council."

In seconding the motion the Hon. Mr. T. McGarry, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, said:—"I am glad to have this opportunity to endorse the terms of this motion and to add my tribute to the work of Dr. Walter Ware, who has for so long been technical adviser to and Vice-Chairman of this Council, on his retirement from the Hong Kong Service. During the short time I was, as Chairman, associated with Dr. Ware, I never ceased to marvel at the inexhaustible energy and indefatigable zeal with which he, as chief guardian of the public health threw himself so unspareingly into his work, both at his desk and out in the crowded streets of the town. I shall always recall, most gratefully and with warm appreciation his helpful and courteous at-

## Hong Kong University

In an announcement published in the newspapers last month, it was intimated that first year classes for properly qualified students would commence in certain reconstructed buildings at the University from Oct. 21.

It was also announced that Elliot Hall and Rice Hall would be re-opened for the accommodation of students attending those classes.

The University Interim Committee, which was to supervise this work and look after the current affairs of the University in Hong Kong, pending decisions in London about future University policy and reconstruction of statutory governing bodies, has now been appointed by His Excellency.

The Committee consists of:

Professor R.K.M. Simpson, M.C., M.A. (Chairman).

The Hon. Dr. Arthur Morris, C.B.E., LL.D.

The Hon. Mr. C.G.S. Follows, C.M.G.

The Hon. Dr. S. N. Chau, M.B., B.S., D.O.M.S., B.O.I.

The Director of Education, Mr. T. R. Rowell, B.Sc.

Professor R. Robertson, M.A.

Professor Gordon King, F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G.

The Acting Registrar, Mr. E. Mellor, M.A., Dip. Ed., A.L.C.M. (as Secretary).

### CNRRA RICE CASE

The CNRRA Rice Case—a protracted affair in which three junks masters are charged with aiding and abetting in the larceny of 4,000 bags of rice and four go-down and rice shop owners with receiving stolen rice reached its concluding stages at Kowloon Court yesterday.

The Magistrate (Mr. W. H. Latimer), after hearing the defence submissions, ruled that the defence had a case to answer.

Counsel for the defence submitted that the prosecution had based its case upon five points, it failed to produce sufficient evidence and the prosecution's case had therefore collapsed.

The case continues today.

A fine of \$5 was imposed on each of 5 fishermen for loitering within 100 yards of the Kowloon Naval Anchorage seawall. They pleaded that they were just passing and did not know they were within a prohibited area.

## Accused Of Being A British Spy

Wadumull Chaitulani, charged on five counts under the Defence Regulations, was yesterday committed by Mr. F. X. D'Almada e Castro to stand his trial at the November Sessions.

Accused will be represented by Mr. A. Rajah, Barrister-at-law, instructed by Messrs. Johannes & Sammy, Solicitors, Singapore.

Witness knew Father Bourke, S. J. and whether the latter had any connections with the British Consul in Macao. Accused also asked witness why Father Bourke frequently visited his office. Eventually accused said he was satisfied that there was no truth in the reports and that the matter should be considered closed.

A. Gardner said that he was first arrested in February 1943 and accused of being a spy. In January 1944 he was again arrested and accused of being responsible for an electricity leakage.

After the Japanese surrender, witness went to accused's house. The latter denied witness' accusations and said that William Chow was the man who was after him, witness, during the occupation. To prove this, accused produced some papers from a tin. Witness then asked for the sheet of paper showing his movements during the occupation. Witness took the papers under the authority of Major Boxer, although accused was reluctant to part with them. Witness was armed and obtained the papers at the pistol point.

On looking through the papers before handing them to Major Boxer, witness noticed that some of them contained serious allegations against D'Almeida and O'Sullivan. Witness showed the papers to these two persons and then handed them over to Major Boxer.

Accused admitted that certain of the papers were in his handwriting.

L.S.A. Curreem said that in the middle of 1943 he met accused at a meeting of the Indian Independence League, an Association which was organized with the approval of the Japanese. He again met accused in 1945. Accused asked witness for information about Mrs. Rocha. He said that his Japanese friends wanted to know if Mrs. Rocha had any connections with the British Consul in Macao. Accused asked witness to find out.

### Asked For Help

K. M. Lokoomall declared that accused came to his shop and asked for help, saying that he was down and out. Accused later worked at Jimmy's as head waiter and Japanese interpreter. After a few months, accused joined the Japanese and was engaged in investigating cases of hoarding war materials. He appeared to be a success at the job and remained in the employ of the Japanese.

In October he told witness that his name was on the black list and that as a fellow Sindi, he would try to help. Accused had showed witness a gun which he was carrying and said that he was such a success at his work that he had been entrusted with this gun. Accused obtained various logs from witness, ranging from \$20 to \$50 every month, which were in fact bribes. A regular payment of \$25 was made each month, by way of charity. From January 1945 up to the time of witness' arrest on May 3, three payments of \$200 were made to accused.

A. M. Ozorio said that in April 1945 he was stopped by accused, who said he was from the Gendarmerie. Accused asked witness a number of questions. Three weeks later Mr. Rocha was arrested.

Two days after the arrest of Rocha, witness met accused again. He said that he would like witness to answer more questions. They proceeded to Theatre Lane, where accused treated witness to a coffee. Accused said that he had arrested Rocha and asked witness if he knew the number of Kenneth Chan's junk. He also enquired about Kenneth Chan's address and witness told him that it was somewhere in Kowloon Tong.

Carlos D'Almeida testified that he had given William Chow financial assistance. One day accused phoned up requesting an interview. He subsequently called at witness' office.

He said that he was in the Gendarmerie and that his reports had been received respecting witness. Witness became excited and asked for the name of the informer so that he could take it up with the Gendarmeries.

Accused asked witness not to get excited and then asked if

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## The New GOC, HK NEWS FOR EXPORTERS

Major-General G. W.

E. J. Erskine, named London, Oct. 15.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, will make a report to the British people on Oct. 26, presumably on the Paris Conference.

Mr. Bevin's office announced yesterday that the Foreign Secretary would speak on that date in his parliamentary constituency of Wandsworth—Associated Press.

Hong Kong exporters doing business with other parts of the British Empire where preferential duties are in force for Empire manufacturers may now obtain Certificates of Origin from the Imports and Exports Dept. A fee of \$1 is charged for each certificate issued.

The Superintendent of Imports and Exports states that his Department has taken steps to obtain all necessary information regarding the conditions laid down by countries participating in the Empire Preference scheme.

Information available locally at present is not comprehensive, and exporters are advised to make sure of the conditions governing in the grant of preferential rates in any importing country where they may be shipping their goods.

Empire countries granting preferential rates demand that a certain percentage of the value of the goods shall be of Empire origin. Some countries, as, for instance, Malaya, require in addition a certificate from a chartered accountant.

### Money Mart

There was a further improvement in Chinese National Currency yesterday as rates climbed back to 94½ cents for futures and \$1.12 for spot (for CN\$1,000).

Gold also strengthened to \$302 a tael after a day in which rates fluctuated between this figure and \$298.

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## Readers' Letters

### Cobber Kain

Sir.—Please answer this question and prevent further argument.

Where and when was "Cobber" Kain, New Zealand air ace, killed?

A. B. MESS 69.

"Cobber" Kain was killed while stuntin over an R.A.F. aerodrome at Rouen, in France in 1940.—Ed.

### Agents Wanted

Sir.—I have just arrived here at the Hong Kong Hotel (from New York) and am anxious to contact the Hong Kong agents of the United Baltic Corporation Ltd., 158, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

and venture to request the courtesy of this enquiry as I know no other means of reaching the local agents.

HERBERT HALL.

Democracy And China

Sir.—In a Reader's Letter on Monday, there was criticism of the re-election of our President by the Central Committee of Kuomintang.

It is really the worst thing to criticize without knowing the facts. Here, I should first remind the writer that we have not got a Constitution yet. According to Dr. Sun's Outline of Political Reconstruction, we are still now in the period of Political Tutelage. Until our Constitution is worked out by the National Assembly which is scheduled to open on Nov. 12 in Nanking, and promulgated by the National Government, we do have no right to elect our President. We are now just on the way to Democracy; our Government is therefore under the patronage of the Revolutionary Kuomintang. Without Kuomintang, we might have still to live under the monarchic reign of the corruptive Ching dynasty. For several thousands of years our people have not had any little knowledge of Political Rights; it is absurd to think that the Political Rights should be put into their hands immediately after the Revolution without giving training beforehand. The history of the slow development of Democracy in England and France is the strongest proof.

I doubt very much if the writer of the letter has any knowledge of political science and has ever read through all the Dr. Sun's works. If not, it is really a "joke" that he should have called himself "Dr. Sun's True Follower."

HSIEH CHIH-CHUANG.

### Housing

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### Firecrackers

Sir.—May I, through the medium of your columns, draw the attention of the Police Authorities to the re-appearance in the local market of a form of firecracker which was, as a result of a serious fatal motor car crash involving the lives of passengers and pedestrians in the West Point area about twenty years ago, banned by the Hong Kong Government. I refer to the "Kam Tsin Pau," a small package containing little stones which, when thrown on the ground or against some other object, explodes with a sharp pistol-like crack. Already the practice of throwing these "Kam Tsin Pau" at passengers on trams, in buses and motor cars has commenced and if the law prohibiting the sale and use of these firecrackers is not enforced again, it will not be long before another distressing accident such as that which took place at West Point occurs.

### SAFETY FIRST.

Traffic Laws

Sir.—As a matter of interest do the Services in Hong Kong come under civilian law, or do they make their own laws? I ask because of the frequent violations of traffic laws that I have witnessed by Service vehicles, notably in Battery Path and Wyndham Street. Both routes are prominently marked by a notice forbidding motor traffic but that doesn't seem to stop Service cars using them. I have seen the notice violated several times, on one occasion a jeep containing Army M.P.s driving up Wyndham Street.

J. L.

### Plaza Denial

Sir.—As licensees and managers of the Plaza Ballroom and Plaza Restaurant, respectively, may we state emphatically that neither of us was present at the interview with the "manager" published in your paper.

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F. X. REMEDIOS

YUNG WING FAI.

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There were many months of anxiety after Hong Kong fell in December, 1941, as the various relief associations here were the source of nearly all their funds.

Though the position seemed desperate, they made the difficult decision to carry on until help should come and help eventually did come from the British United Aid to China Fund, British Red Cross and other relief organizations.

Meanwhile it was able to give medical relief at Lungchung and Waichow to refugees streaming from Hong Kong.

Its Record

During the difficult seven years the group, which consisted of 14 doctors, 19 nurses, 27 nursing students, 22 nursing-aids, 11 technicians, and ten other personnel, can now show on its record the following figures which speak for themselves:

Out-patients ..... 667,692

In-patients ..... 179,082

Babies delivered ..... 1,463

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## Five More Japanese To Be Tried

Tomorrow, five more Japanese war criminals will be tried by No. 5 Military War Crimes Court. The trial will take place at Jardine Matheson's East Point Property, Hong Kong, and will commence at 10 a.m.

The following are the accused:

1. Col. Tokunaga Isao.
2. Capt. Saizo Shunichi.
3. Lt. Tanaka Hitoshi.
4. Interpreter Tsutada Itsuo.
5. Sgt. Harada Jotaro.

They are all collectively charged with the inhumane treatment of British, Canadian and Dutch Prisoners-of-War interned in the Shamshui Po P.O.W. Camp between the dates of Jan. 24, 1942 and Aug. 15, 1945. All the accused were members of the P.O.W. Camp Staff which was commanded by Col. Tokunaga Isao.

In addition there are further charges of cruelty against Col. Tokunaga and Capt. Saito who were Commandant and Medical Officer respectively of all P.O.W. Camps in Hong Kong. A total of eleven charges will be brought during the trial.

Lt. Colonel Crawford, who has come especially from Canada, will give evidence during the trial.

The latest weekly health returns show no further cases of cholera, 35 malaria (10 deaths), 33 smallpox (28 deaths) and 60 tuberculosis (39 deaths). A total of 325 births was registered during the week. Deaths numbered 252.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES

### Outward Mails

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Bangkok (Prosper) 10 a.m.

Fernosa via Keelung (Chung-kai) 11 a.m.

Macao, Tsingtan and Shekki (Kwong Sai) 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow (Hayang) 2 p.m.

Airmail for Saigon and Delhi (By Air) Kowloon C.P.O. (Reg.)

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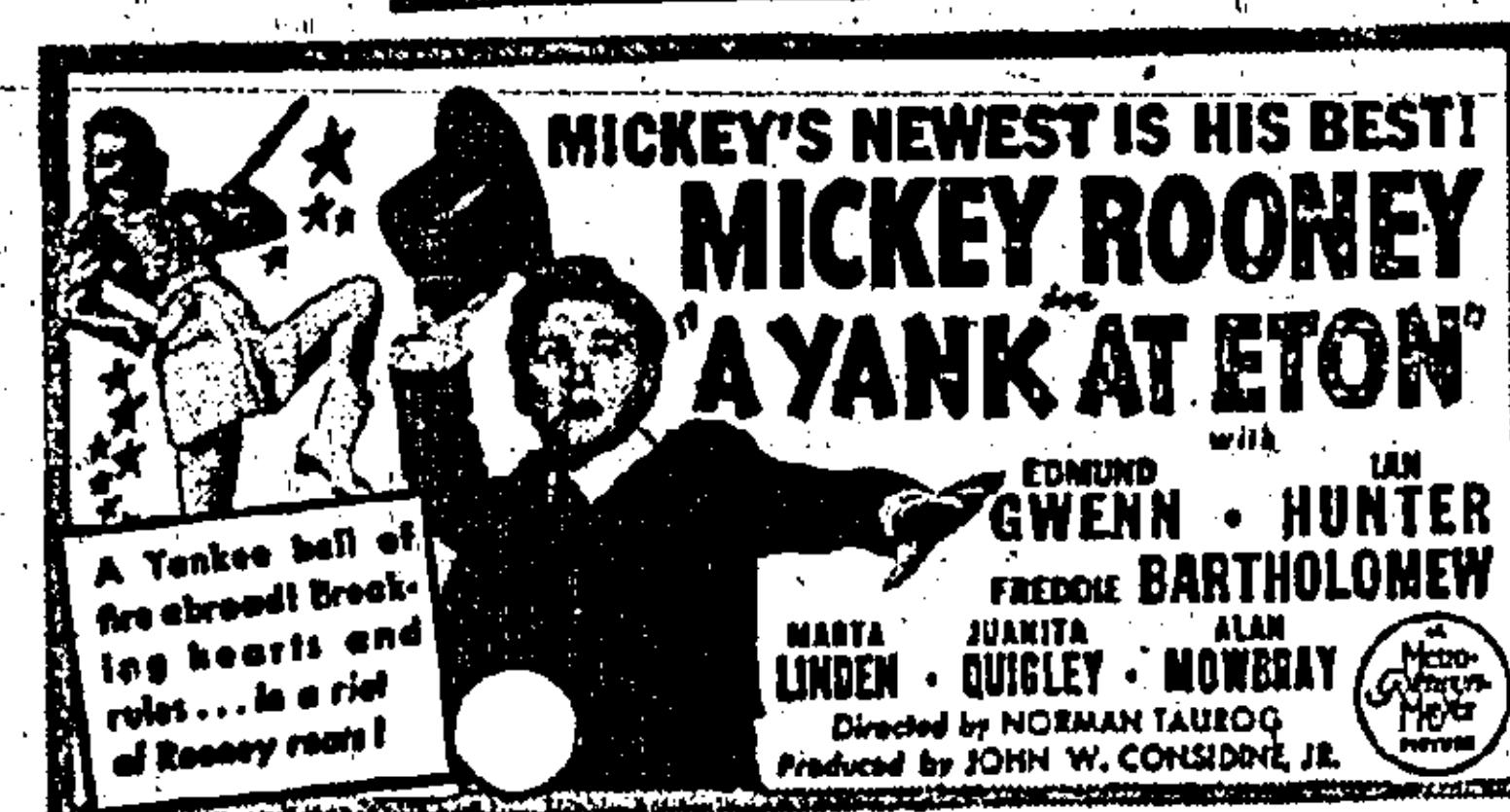
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## SINGAPORE SHIPPING BOTTLENECK QUERIES

London, Oct. 14. Centralisation of control was criticised by Conservative members today as being the reason for the holdup of shipping at Singapore.

Sir Waldron Smithers asked if the Minister of Transport, Mr. Alfred Barnes, would make a statement on details of the delay which he had sent him, and Sir Patrick Hannon asked for the circumstances under which two ships, Sam Trent and Savigna, were bought from the United States Government for the conveyance of Pearl Harbour coal dust for Singapore, and 8,000 tons of this article consigned there. He asked whether, as the coal dust was re-consigned to Batavia, what would be the cost of this transaction to the British taxpayer.

Mr. Barnes replied: "There was serious congestion during the summer at Singapore, with consequent delay in discharge of vessels. The handling capacity of the port, owing to labour difficulties and to war damage to storage and clearance facilities, proved inadequate for the large amounts of military and commercial cargo entering the port for rehabilitation of the area.

"Energetic measures were taken to relieve the congestion by improving the clearance facility and by restricting imports to most essential cargoes. I am informed that the congestion of cargo on wharves has been considerably reduced. Further improvement resulted from the rebuilding of transit sheds.

### Sold To Batavia

"As regards the two vessels carrying coal to Singapore, these were chartered from the United States Government. The

New York, Oct. 15. James G. McDonald, American member of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, pointed to what he termed "encouraging" two-Party support for increased Jewish immigration as giving "hope that exclusionists in the Congress will not definitely be permitted to have their way."

McDonald spoke at the concluding session of the First National Convention of the Labour Zionist Committee for relief and rehabilitation. He said: "It is good news that the political leaders in the United States seem to be moving to set up a new partisan front in support of the President's recent statement to Prime Minister Clement Attlee that 'substantial immigration into Palestine cannot wait a solution' of the whole Palestine problem.

To a lesser but nonetheless encouraging degree, there appears to be unified Democratic Republican support for the President's promise to urge Congress to facilitate immigration into this country. Governor Dewey's forthright pronouncement on this point last Sunday gives hope that exclusionists in Congress will not indefinitely be permitted to have their way."

Governor Thomas Dewey of New York is the titular head of the Republican Party. Associated Press.

### MISREPORTED?

New York, Oct. 14. W. Averell Harriman declared today that reports on a talk he made in Washington "bear little resemblance" to what he said.

The French news agency Agence France had quoted Harriman as saying that Premier Joseph Stalin of Russia was convinced the capitalist and communist systems cannot exist in the same world.

"Reports I have seen of my talks at the National War College bear little resemblance to what I said," Harriman declared. "I have no further comment to make." Associated Press.

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## STATEMENT ON DARDANELLES

London, Oct. 14.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, hopes to be able to make a statement on the Government's attitude towards the Dardanelles question during the course of the debate next week, according to Major Mayhew, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, answering a question in the House of Commons today.

He said that the British Government had recently been in communication with the Soviet and Turkish Governments on this subject. Reuter.

## Disorders In Bengal

Calcutta, Oct. 14.

Troops have been called out in the Noakhali district of east Bengal and a large force of armed police were sent to the area after reports of serious disorders there, a Bengal Government announcement said.

According to reports widespread disturbances, looting, arson and abduction of women have continued in seven villages since Friday.

Armed crowds were raiding villages, and looting, murder and arson were continuing in an area of 20 square miles.

Forcible mass conversion and desecration of places of worship were also reported.

Communal incidents were reported again today in an east Bengal town, where 112 persons have died since the disturbances began on Aug. 20. A woman was killed and two persons were seriously injured today. Reuter.

Sir Waldron Smithers: "Is he aware that the hold-up is due to centralised control. British ships are arriving with empty cargo spaces and pilfering of British goods at the expense of the British taxpayer?" I ask what has happened to these ships and where is that coal dust now?"

Mr. Barnes: "I have stated the facts. My position is to provide shipping. If Sir Patrick Hannon wants further information he had better put his question elsewhere."

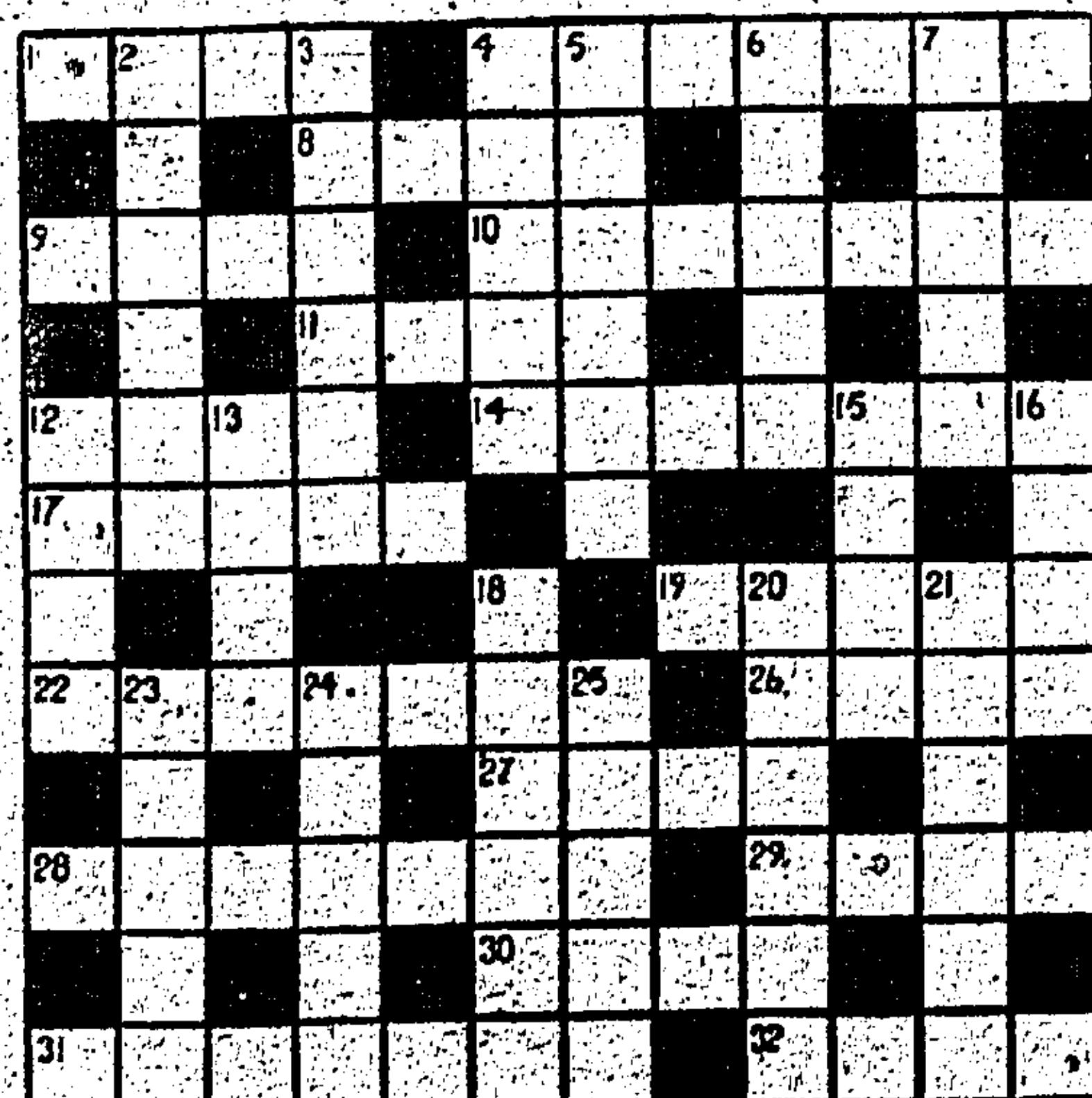
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Mr. Barnes: "I have explained that the difficulties arose directly from war and steps were taken to improve discharging."

Sir Patrick Hannon: "I do not want to embarrass the Government, but will the Minister give an undertaking that transactions of this kind, which indicate imbecility in administration will not occur again?"

In an address made before a convention of the National Exchange Clubs here yesterday, the Fleet Admiral suggested the President be chairman ex-officio of the proposed council. Associated Press.

## A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



### Across

1. Smart. 22. Changed.  
4. Stresses. direction.  
8. Successor. suddenly.  
9. Excuse. 26. Listen to.  
10. Diffidence. 27. Blonde.  
11. Check. 28. Zeal.  
12. Fixed period. 29. Related.  
14. Outstand. 30. Fixed.  
ing. 31. Bedecked.  
17. Hibernian. 32. Investigate.  
19. Jollification.

### Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS: 1. Method; 6. Maple.  
8. Peril; 9. Tribal; 10. Gleam; 11.  
Litre; 12. Nous; 13. Agent; 15.  
Heater; 16. Averse; 20. Relax; 22.  
Ais; 23. Cavill; 25. Scrab; 26.  
Rattie; 27. Token; 28. Alien; 29.  
Sense.  
DOWN: 1. Mutineer; 2. Tri-  
bunal; 3. Opal; 4. Deliver; 5.  
Migrat; 6. Alleg; 7. Learn; 14.  
Educates; 15. Trustees; 16. Hexa-  
gon; 17. Aspires; 19. Vacate; 21.  
Excel; 24. Lane.

### Down

2. Hope. 7. ire.  
3. Fissures. 8. Unusual.  
4. Hooper. 12. Gratific.  
5. Quiver. 13. Mature.  
6. Amphithe. 15. Weary.

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Of Commercial Cotton

(By Sydney Gampell, Reuters City Editor)

London, Oct. 14.

The world consumption of commercial cotton in the last season was estimated at 23,200,000 bales. France, Russia, Italy, China and Japan expanded their consumption considerably while consumption in India declined slightly. Throughout Europe and Asia, however, India's consumption exceeded prewar. The total consumption outside the United States this season is forecast at about 26,700,000 compared with last season of 23,200,000 and (the seasons begin in August) 1944 of 21,000,000.

The United States Department of Agriculture expects that stocks of United States cotton accumulated during the last season in China, Japan, Italy and France will be consumed during this season.

World production of cotton this season is tentatively estimated at 20,600,000 bales compared with 19,200,000 in 1945. The prewar average of 29,700,000 and the 1937 record of 36,500,000 bales.

## World Carryover

The world carryover of cotton this season is 21,000,000 bales as compared with last year's record of 26,100,000. World consumption this season of 26,700,000 would make the world carryover next August at about 16,000,000, which is sharply below recent years but not vastly below the prewar average of 17,400,000.

World rayon production in 1945 equalled 3,600,000 bales of cotton, as compared with 4,900,000 in 1944 and 6,700,000 bales in 1941.

The difference was due to post-war disruption in rayon production in Germany, Italy and Japan. Rayon production outside the United States in 1945 equalled only 1,700,000 bales, compared with 3,200,000 in 1944 and the 1941 record of 5,300,000.

The turnover in industries was very small, the only feature being inquiry in iron and steel issues. Consols, 2 1/2 per cent 1945/75 97%, Conversion Loan, 3 1/4 per cent 11/12, War Loan, 3 1/2 per cent 106-11/10, New War Loan, 3 per cent 106-11/10, Victory Bonds, 4 per cent 119 1/2, Saving Bonds, 3 1/2 per cent 105-15/16, Saving Bonds, 3% 1955-65 106-11/16, Saving Bonds, 3% 1960-70 106-11/16, Saving Bonds, 3% 1965-75 107-7/16, German Loan, 7 per cent (Dawes) 11 1/2% Japanese Bonds, 5 per cent, 1907 19 1/2, Canton-Kowloon Railway, 23, Tientsin-Pukow Railway, 5 per cent 26 1/2, Lung-Tsing U. Haj Ry, 5 per cent, 1913 25, Reorg. Loan, 5 per cent 1913 (London Is) 48, Crisp. Loan, 5 per cent, 1911 46, Hukhuan Railway, 5 per cent, 1911 28, Honan Railway, 5 per cent, 1905 32 1/2, Shanghai-Nanking Railway, 5 per cent 28, Mercantile Bank of India, "A" 22%, Chartered Bank of I. A. & C. 11-13/16, H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corporation, 86, Lynden Estates, 95%, South Africa Townships 26/7, Selection Trust, 40/7, South Africa Tornbanites 11/3, Canadian Pacific 17-15/16, Mexican Eagles 14/9. Reuter.

## More Produced

The combined consumption of cotton and rayon this season will exceed the equivalent of 30,000,000 bales of cotton while production is forecast below 24,000,000.

The record consumption was in 1935 at 34,000,000 bales.

With increase in the world's consumption since 1938 and world textile recovery, the world consumption of cotton and/or rayon will rapidly approach the 1938 level.

The world will then consume 10,000,000 bales more of cotton or rayon than it is producing this season but an expansion of production is in prospect. Reuter.

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COTTON

(New contract "B")—October unquoted, December 171.90, March 176.50, May 174.30, July 172.00, Spot No. 183.00, Spot No. 5 170.00.

New Orleans Cotton—October 46 38.44, 38.50, December 38.54, 38.58, March 47-38.15, 38.01, May 37.62, 37.54, July 36.68, 36.52, Spot 38.55, 38.45.

Chicago Wheat—January 203 1/2, bid 201 1/2, March 195 1/2, 200.

Chicago Corn—January 140 1/2, 144 1/2, March 137 1/2, 140 1/2. Reuter.

## NET CAPITAL

Philadelphia, Oct. 14. A. Securities and Exchange Commission analysis shows the net working capital of American corporations was boosted \$1,200,000,000 in the three months ended June 30 to a total of \$54,000,000,000.

The Commission reported current assets increased \$100,000,000 and current liabilities were reduced by \$1,100,000,000.

The Securities and Exchange Commission said accumulating inventories increased \$1,200,000,000 to a total of \$28,900,000,000 at the end of the quarter. Associated Press.

LONDON  
DISCOUNT RATES

London, Oct. 14. Day to Day Loan 1 1/2 to 1%, Bank Bills, 3 Months 15/32 to 1 1/4%, Fine Trade Bills, 3 Months 1 to 1 1/4%, Fine Trade Bills, 6 Months 1 1/2 to 2%, Treasury Bills, 2 Months 1 1/2 to 17/32, Treasury Bills, 8 Months 1 1/2 to 17/32. Reuter.

LONDON SILVER  
& GOLD

London, Oct. 14. Silver, Spot per fine oz. 65 3/4. Silver, Forward per fine oz. 65 3/4. Bar Gold, Fine, oz. 172/3. Reuter.

N.Y. Stock  
Market

New York, Oct. 14.

The stock market negotiated an average advance with scattered exceptions for the first Monday since mid September.

Gains of fractions to three points or more ruled at the close with a few wider jumps.

Brokers suggested that the political picture in view of Wall Street may have inspired some buying.

Better performers included Reuter. Among the stumbler was Woolworth.

Transfers were around 1,200,000 shares.

The Dow Jones Averages: Stocks 61.01, 20 Industrials 16.86, 15 Rails 46.86, 10 Utilities 34.43.

Closing quotations:

Adams Express 14 1/2, Alaska 5 1/2, American Can 81 1/2, American Smelting 61, American Telephone 170 1/2, American Tobacco 81, American Waterworks 15 1/2, Anaconda Copper 37 1/2, Aviation Corporation 7 1/2, Barnard 23 1/2, Bendix Aviation 32 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 97, Boeing Aircraft 23 1/2, Borden Co. 46 1/2, Canadian Pacific 13 1/2, J. I. Case 36 1/2, Chrysler 82, Colgate 50 1/2, Commercial Solvents 22, General Products 64, Dupont de Nemours 182, Eastman Kodak 212, Electric Light & Power 15 1/2, General Motors 50 1/2, General Electric 38, Goodrich 68 1/2, Goodyear 57 1/2, Homestake Mining 38, International Paper 43 1/2, International Tel & Tel 17 1/2, Kennecott Copper 45, Montgomery Ward 70, National Distillers 22 1/2, National Lead 29 1/2, New York Central 19 1/2, Packard Motors 6 1/2, Pan American Airways 14 1/2, Pennsylvania RR 26 1/2, Radio Corporation 19 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 89 1/2, Schenley 61 1/2, Sears, Roebuck 37 1/2, Shell Oil 30 1/2, Socony Vacuum 14 1/2, Southern Pacific 41 1/2, Standard Brands 37, Standard Oil of Calif. 55, Standard Oil of N.J. 67 1/2, Studebaker 20 1/2, Union Bag 28 1/2, Union Carbide 31, U.S. Rubber 57 1/2, U.S. Steel 69 1/2, Westinghouse 25, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 64, Associated Press.

## COPRA HIGHER

Washington, Oct. 14. The Office of Price Administration raised price ceilings of crude coconut oil and copra today to encourage imports in view of the shortage of fats and oils.

The import price on copra was boosted \$1.00 a ton at Atlantic and Gulf ports, effective Monday. This lifted the ceiling to \$116.20 a short ton.

The landed price for crude coconut oil was lifted 27 cents to 8.68 cents a pound.

OPA said both increases resulted in part from higher ocean freight rates and because of the idle copra crushing capacity. Associated Press.

## ARGENTINE GOLD

Buenos Aires, Oct. 14.

Buyers ..... 67.00  
Sellers ..... 67.40

U.S. \$20 Eagle ..... 117.00  
Buyers ..... 118.00

Sellers Gold Bar, per gramme, ..... 5.27  
Buyers ..... 5.35

Reuter.

## Washington, Oct. 15.

The Supreme Court today agreed to review litigation by which the Dollar Steamship Line and others sought to compel the Maritime Commission to return stock transferred to the Commission in 1938 during the rehabilitation of the line. Associated Press.

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BRITAIN  
MUST  
EXPORT

Nanking, Oct. 15. Sir Leslie Boyce, head of the British Trade Mission which arrived here this morning, told correspondents today that Britain must export at least 30 per cent more than she did before the war to exist.

He added: "The people of Britain are making sacrifices greater in some respects than they had to endure during the war to encourage the export trade."

Sir Leslie stressed: "We are in China to cooperate with Chinese interests and not to compete with them—our object is cooperation rather than competition."

Nor was there any question at present of competition with the United States to secure the lion's share in China's trade. The potential market in China was so immense that there is room for everybody.—Reuter.

JUNKMASTER'S  
"ARSENAL"

Chan Chun, 34, master of trading junk 13411, was fined \$100 when he pleaded guilty before Mr. E. H. Sainsbury at Kowloon Court to the unlawful possession of five Mauser automatics, four revolvers, two machine guns, seven hand grenades, 265 rounds of Mauser ammunition, 1,175 rounds of rifle ammunition and 1,303 rounds of machine gun ammunition.

The arms and ammunition were ordered confiscated. Mr. D. H. Blake, appearing for defendant, pleaded in mitigation that defendant's junk served as an escort vessel to other trading junk.

U.S. Reclaiming  
Arms From Russia

(By John Scall)

Washington, Oct. 14.

The United States will reserve the right to "recapture" all weapons and munitions supplied to Russia under Lend-Lease before closing its wartime account, Government officials said. These officials noted that such recapture provisions had been written into the lend-lease settlements concluded with seven other countries. And they add that they see no reason why American policy on this matter would be changed for the Soviets.

It is not clear when negotiations to settle the Russian account will get underway. A note to Moscow some weeks ago suggested that a mission be sent here for the purpose reportedly had not been answered.

The officials say that in general America does not expect to exercise its rights in any country.

## RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles and from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m., 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., and 9:15 to 11:00 p.m., also on 9.02 megacycles.

H.K.T. 12:30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary. 12:32 p.m.—Donald Peers: "Cavalcade of Song." 12:47 p.m.—Clyde McCoy and His Orchestra.

1:00 p.m.—"News, Weather Report and Announcements."

1:10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1:15 p.m.—"Off the Bottom Shelf"—Variety.

1:30 p.m.—"A Piano and A Violin"—Benny Molavitch and Efrem Zimbalist.

2:00 p.m.—"Close Down."

2:00 p.m.—Benny Goodman and His Orchestra, Jean Sablon, and "The Ink-Spots."

2:15 p.m.—"London Transcription Service"—"Accent on Rhythm."

2:30 p.m.—Studio—A Talk by Dr. Isaac Newton. "Anaesthetics in Surgery."

2:45 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.

3:00 p.m.—London Relay: "News."

3:15 p.m.—"We sing for you"—Marian Anderson and Lawrence Tibbett.

3:30 p.m.—"Classical Requests."

3:30 p.m.—"Light and Shad's—Musical Contrasts."

10:00 p.m.—"London Relay: "News."

10:00 p.m.—"Dance Music."

10:45 p.m.—"Twilight Melodies."

11:00 p.m.—"Close Down."

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## No More "Pin-Up" Girls In H.K.

The Colony's innumerable cinema-goers and collectors of pin-up girls may soon have to do completely without their screen magazines, or, at any rate, without the American ones. The recent directive from the Price Control setting the price at half as much again as the value of the magazine in American money knocks the bottom out of the importation of these magazines as a business and book-sellers are not keen on making a profit of just 10 cents on a copy.

A survey carried out by a "China Mail" reporter revealed the fact that remaining stocks have already been bought up in bulk by enterprising small-businessmen who are aiming on reselling them at a neat profit in Canton or Macao.

The Price Control directive has, it is suggested, knocked the bottom out of the whole business of importing American magazines.

Booksellers here apparently have a choice of buying direct from the United States or from Manila. If they buy from the United States they have to pay 10 per cent above the American sales price as American exporters claim that the paper shortage in the States does not make it worth their while to export unless at an extra profit. Thus a 15-cent American magazine costs 16 cents plus four cents for freight or postage. It costs the importer 80 cents and he has to sell for 90 cents.

If bought from Manila, magazines are cheaper but the Manila exporter insists on sending all his surplus and there is no rebate on unsold copies. Local booksellers say they should be allowed to sell the magazines at twice the American marked price, when they would be able to balance the loss resulting from unsold copies.

Booksellers are also somewhat sore at the Price Control. They state that they understood a meeting was to have been called to consider the whole question but that the top-price was gazetted in comics.

Wholesale  
Vegetables

The following prices per catty prevailed at the Government Wholesale Vegetable Market in Kowloon yesterday:

Price	1st quantity	2nd quantity	Avg.	
Chin. Kale	\$1.10	\$0.60		
Balsam Pen, Foo Kwah	40			
Bamboo Shoots, Chuk	25			
Suen	25			
Beans, Spring Tau Kok	86			
Green	61	55		
White	61	55		
Cabbage, Chin. Flower	45			
Pak Tsoi Sam	45			
Cabbage, Chin. White	45			
Pak Tsoi	35	25		
Cabbage, Leaf, Mustard	35	25		
Kai Tsoi Big	35	25		
do. Small	25	20		
Chillies	25			
Green, Lat. Chiu	45			
Red, Lat. Chiu	50			
Chin. Chives, Kai Tsoi	30	20		
Cucumbers, Green	30			
Cheung, Kwa	30	18		
Chin. Turnip, Lo Pak	26	18		
Ginger	Old, Lo Keung	65	50	
Stem, Cheekeng	55	20		
Lettuce, Chin. Sang Tsoi	50	20		
Lotus Roots, Lin Nuan	25			
Matrimony Vine, Kau	70	42		
Ke	70	42		
Angled Luffa	38	28		
Onions, Chin. Green	45	25		
Chung	45	25		
Papayas, Green, Muk	20	14		
Potatoes, Sweet, Faan	20	13		
Pumpkins, Kum Kwa	14			
Punice	14			
Chinese, Yin Tsoi	40	28		
Water Ong Tsoi	48	28		
Taros, Wu Tsoi	25	18		
Water Cress, Sai, Young Tsoi	40	18		
Yam, Tai, Shui	28	12		
Yam Beans, Sa Kot	17	12		

try to regain possession of such items like guns, planes and tanks, but that the recapture clause was inserted as a precautionary measure.

The great bulk of \$11,000,000 in Lend-Lease furnished to Russia falls into the strictly war-goods category. American officials who will sit in on the settlement discussions with the Soviets said that they do not think the United States will seek payment for any war material destroyed or otherwise used up in war against the Germans and Japanese. The Germans will be asked, however, to pay up at least a part of the cost of civilian type articles which the Soviets can use in peace time.

**Red Army Weapons**  
A decision apparently remains to be made on whether to charge for weapons still in use by the Soviet Army. Officials declined to estimate the amount of final Soviet obligation. They pointed out, however, that Britain was billed for \$650,000,000 and France for \$420,000,000 when they settled their Lend-Lease accounts.

But part of these sums went to pay for surplus property that countries wanted to buy outright. Britain is allowed 30 years to pay, France 35 years and Russia presumably also would be granted long term credit.

Countries that have settled their accounts with the United States, in addition to England and France are Australia, New Zealand, India, Turkey and Belgium.

Similar conversations are underway with South Africa, the Netherlands and Norway.—Associated Press.

DUKE OF  
WINDSOR

London, Oct. 15. Reports that the Duke of Windsor might succeed his brother, the Duke of Gloucester, as Governor-General of Australia, circulated in London yesterday.

Reports from Canberra said, however, that Australian Prime Minister Joseph Chifley would recommend that an Australian be appointed to the post.—Associated Press.

Macao Exporters'  
Petition

Macao, Oct. 14. Local exporters have sent a petition to Government with a view to securing a reduction in the Defence Tax quota, and it is understood that the Government is reviewing the situation.

At present, exporters are liable to pay 5 per cent of the total value of their yearly exports. The Government base the export value on records registered by the Economic Survey & Coordination Dept. of the Control Office. However, the greater number of local exporters is just self-styled, being in fact middlemen to secure the export-permits necessary for all goods.

Goods exported under their home name may not belong to them at all, but to taipans, who are adverse to red-tape, which in the case of exports is excessive.

First, applications must be made within a certain time at the Control Office to avoid "voluntary fines." Secondly, the export-permits must await the signature and seal of the Dept. of Economic Services. Thirdly, the permits must be taken to the Fiscalising Dept. of the Safety Police for the chief to okay. Fourth, the goods must be examined by an agent of the Fiscalising Dept. and again by the Water Police. After so much has been done, then the goods—say five catties of salt fish—may proceed to the port of destination.—Our Own Correspondent.

## IS THIS JUSTICE?

Macao, Oct. 14.

Whether law be retaliatory or vindictive in its operation, whether punishment has a deterrent or educational objective, there can be few countries where a man is sent into prison for an indefinite period without trial of any kind.

In Macao, however, Pompilio Maximo da Silva Pedroco, alleged to have been guilty of irregularities as a Post Office employee, was five years ago sent into prison without the option of bail and only recently was he brought to trial.

The Court found him Not Guilty, so that an innocent person was incarcerated for over five years.

If that were all, it would be bad enough. But the Legal Prosecutors has refused to accept the local court's findings and has forwarded the case to be decided by a higher court in Goa.

Is this justice or persecution?

—Our Own Correspondent.

NO CONTROLS  
ON U.S. MEAT  
PRICES

(Continued from Page 1) period of control—perhaps ten cents a pound more—but would gradually decline as supplies increased.

High administration officials in Washington forecast that President Truman's decision will mean a swift end to all Government controls on wages and prices except rents. Mr. Paul Porter, Office of Price Administration chief, is expected to confer with Mr. Clinton Anderson, Secretary for Agriculture, today on the remaining restrictions, which affect about forty per cent of the nation's food supplies.

It was estimated that 44,546,000 persons listened to the President's broadcast last night.—Reuter.

Mrs. Mansell of 123 Wongnei-chong Road, reported a burglary to the Police yesterday between 1 and 5 a.m., in which she lost one 5-watt radio (value \$750), one ladies' brown overcoat (\$80), one ladies' macintosh (\$75), one weatherproof jacket (\$150), two

Government Forces  
Link Up

Peking, Oct. 15. Government military authorities today announced the linking of their forces pushing north-west from Peking with the victors of Kalgan, capturing three key cities enroute and driving the stubborn Communist defenders into the hills to the south.

This victory, after three weeks of hard fighting, separated the Communists in Jehol from those in North China proper.

Except for four brigades of Communists reported surrounded between Hsiaotai and Hsiaohwaiyan, it cleared the 116-mile rail route from Peking to Kalgan. With their holdings thus divided, the Communists suffered another blow, as Government announced that the troops under General Chung Tung-kuo captured Toulun, an important inner Mongolian city, after a drive northwestward across Jehol.

Elsewhere, the Communists pressed their siege of Paoting and Government reported heavy fighting around Kaoping, midway between Peking and Paoting.

Government quarters also acknowledged that the Communists had taken Yuanshih, 102 miles south of Paoting.

In Nanking, despite the spreading war Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, issued a hopeful statement that peace negotiations might be resumed.

Dr. Sun had luncheon with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and said Government was giving "very favourable consideration" to the third party proposals for peace which had been drawn up in Shanghai by representatives of the Democratic League, the Youth Party and non-partisans—all minority groups.—Associated Press.

SWISS TRADE  
AGREEMENTS

Berlin, Oct. 15.

The American and British Governments have announced the negotiation of export and import agreements with Switzerland by the United States and British zones of Germany.

This is the first such foreign trade agreement made for the two western occupation zones which are merging economically. Under the agreements, all exports to Switzerland are to be paid for in dollars. The proceeds will be used to help pay for imports of necessary production materials and food.

—Associated Press.

Those responsible have incurred serious spiritual sanctions automatically as one who touches a high tension wire and pays the consequences of his imprudence.

"The Nazis who impeded the pastoral exercises of the Bishop of Meissen or the Polish judges who condemned the Bishop of Danzig incurred the same penalties,"—Reuter.

Obviously, excommunication is equal for everyone. Regarding those particularly concerned with the Stepinac trial, local confessors cannot grant absolution. It is necessary to apply direct to the Pope.

The organ of the Catholic Action, "Quotidiano" today published the following authoritative clarification:

"The Congregation of Council, which is concerned with the discipline of the clergy and the people, recalls that anyone who in one way or another brings a bishop to trial, uses violence against him or puts obstacles in the way of the exercise of his duties, incurs ipso facto excommunication."

Statement was issued.

"If, however, the Council deemed it necessary to issue a public statement in the present case, it is due to the fact that the Zagreb judges profess themselves publicly as Catholics and devout servants of the Catholic cause, which was not the case in previous episodes."—Reuter.

At the end of his leave, he seemed reluctant